(a) whether it is a fact that the BHEL is taking steps to modernize the existing power plants and introducing new technology for power generation projects;

(b) if so, whether the BHEL is entering into any collaboration with any foreign power firms; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) BHEL have been entering into Technical Collaboration from time to time with foreign firms to meet the emerging market requirements. They have formed technical collaboration for Gas Turbines with General Electricals, USA and for Steam Turbines and Generators with Siemens, Germany.

Revitalization of sick PSUs

2679. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR : Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that sick PSUs are going to be closed or sold;

(b) if so, the total number of sick PSUs and the steps being taken to revitalize all loss making PSUs; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to (c) The National Common Minimum Programme (NCMP) stipulates that the Government is committed to a strong and effective public sector. While every effort will be made to modernize and restructure public sector companies and revive sick industry, chronically loss making companies will either be sold-off, or closed, after all workers have got their legitimate dues and compensation. Private industry will be inducted to turnaround companies that have potential for revival.

Board for Reconstruction of Public Sector Enterprises (BRPSE) has been set up in December, 2004 to *inter-alia*, examine proposals for the revival/restructuring of Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs). Based on the performance data for 2003-2004, 92 CPSEs have been identified as sick for the purpose of consideration by the BRPSE. Administrative Ministries/Departments prepare comprehensive enterprise specific revival packages and refer them to BRPSE for its consideration.

Proposals in respect of 34 CPSEs have been referred to BRPSE by different administrative Ministries/Departments. BRPSE has considered 22 cases and given its recommendation in respect of 17 cases as on 18.8.05. The administrative Ministries/Departments are responsible for processing the recommendations of BRPSE for obtaining the approval of the competent authority. Based on the recommendations of BRPSE, the competent authority has approved the revival proposals of Hindustan Salts Ltd., BBJ Construction Company Ltd. and National Textiles Corporation Ltd. including its subsidiaries.

Closure of PSUs

2680. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) The number of public sector units recommended for closure by the CAG, the details thereof and the reasons therefore;

(b) The aggregate loss sustained by those companies and the consecutive years of each company which led the negative growth; and

(c) The number of companies in Kerala on the verge of liquidation due to the aggregate loss which exceeded the paid-up share capital and the number of companies which began to attain profit after continuous loss for years together?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) The Comptroller and Audito General of India (Commercial) (CAG) in its Audit Report No.1 of 2005 on Review of Accounts of Public Sector Undertakings for 2003-04 have made